

Saint Jude Catholic Church & Immaculate Conception Church

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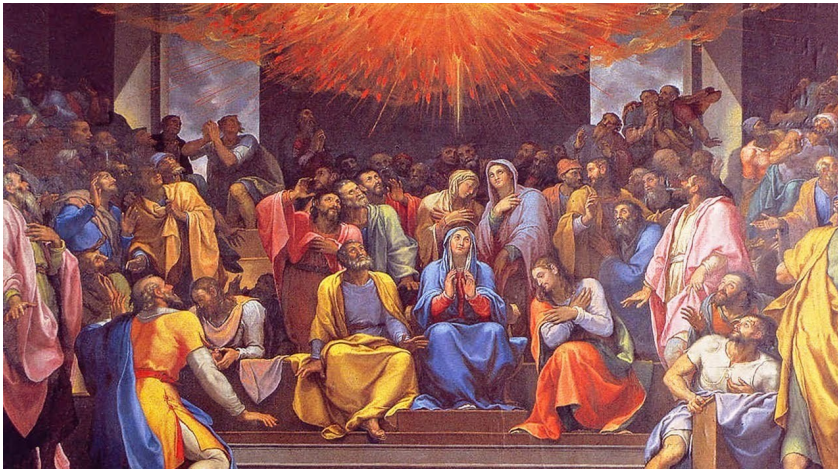
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Bulletin for the weeks beginning Sunday May 19th, and 26th, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

and

The Most Holy Trinity



Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery -- the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus -- culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father (at the request of His Son), on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. **Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church.** Today's Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

The mystery of **the most Holy Trinity** is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.

MEALS OF HOPE - VOLUNTEER AND SAVE THE DATE

The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a Meals of Hope meal packing event on 15 June, 10 AM at St. Jude. These meals will be given to our local County Food Bank as well as Restoration Ministries. We need 70-75 volunteers (ages 8 and above) to achieve our goal to package 35,000 meals in 2.5 hours. The cost of this event has been funded by a Parish donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Many thanks to this gracious family.

Sign-up sheets are posted in both Churches. Debbie Rice is the volunteer coordinator for this event and can be reached by email at mollyandmugsy@gmail.com or by text (540) 907-2140.

Participating in this event will be a great way to get involved in our Church and community, and have some fun while helping people in need. This event will only be successful if sufficient volunteers sign up and show up. So please sign up and mark your calendars accordingly.

Used Plastic Grocery Bags Needed: In addition to collecting non-perishable foods for the Children's Weekend Feeding Program, please collect and bring in used "plastic" grocery bags from SMOKE FREE homes. These bags are used for packing.

Also, while travelling, please collect complimentary unopened toiletries! These items cannot be purchased with the Electronic Benefit Transfer cards. The toiletries will be donated to support families in the West Virginia Appalachia area.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR NEEDY
NEIGHBORS. GOD BLESS
Becky Chidester, Social Ministry Chair

 **Meals of Hope**
Communities coming
together to end hunger!

Saint Jude

Saturday, May 18, at 5:00 PM

Joe Olivier †

By: Mike and Sue Handrahan

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 am

Margie Stanton †

By: Denny Bridge

Tuesday, May 21, at 9:00 am

Darlene and Gerry Gerwitz †

By: Mike and Sue Handrahan

Wednesday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Hour

Saturday May 25, at at 12 Noon

Tom and Jackie Furman's Wedding Anniversary

By: The Fursmans

Sunday May 26, at 11:00 am

Patricia Hastings †

By: Thompson Family

Tuesday, May 28, at 9:00 am

Leo Pfeiffer †

By: Scott and Mary Jensen

Wednesday, May 29

No Holy Hour this week

First Saturday June 1, at 9:00 am

Patricia Muoio

By: Richard and Lori Muoio

Saturday June 1, at 5:00 PM

Hermann and Anne Weber †

By: Ron and Ursula Canada

Sunday June 2, at 11:00 am

Terry Camarata ~ for Health and Healing

By: Bob and Hope Perkins

Immaculate Conception

Sunday, May 19, at 9:00 am

Wes Monkman †

By: Steve and Karen Donnelly

Monday, May 20, at 5:30 PM

Holy Hour

Thursday, May 23, at 9:00 am

Capt. Robert Falkenbach, U.S.M.C, †

By: Bob and Maureen Falkenbach

Sunday, May 26, at 9:00 am

Robert Howe †

By: Ken and Pat Karhuse

Monday, May 27, at 5:30 PM

Holy Hour

Thursday, May 30, at 9:00 am

Jeanne Argy

By: Richard and Lori Muoio

Sunday, June 2, at 9:00 am

David Droppleman †

By: Steve and Joanne Falkenbach

If you are in need of a Sacrament:

Baptism, please call or write the parish office to schedule a baptism. First time parents, must meet with Fr. Cal, and then a date can be set.

First Communion Please contact our Coordinator of Religious Education details.

Reconciliation (Confessions) are normally available **every Saturday from 4:00-4:50 PM at Saint Jude**, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick, call the parish office to speak with Fr. Cal to schedule.

Marriage, engaged couples should approach their priest first to begin planning a wedding! Please call the office to schedule a meeting with Fr. Cal or one of our Deacons, their numbers are in this bulletin.

Hospital visits If you or a member of your family want Fr. Cal to know about a hospital stay, call the parish office.



The Holy Rosary is recited every Thursday at Immaculate Conception starting at 8:30 A.M. before the 9:00 A.M. Mass. All are welcome. During the Month of May, we will recite the Rosary on Sundays, too at IC, starting at 8:30 A.M. Please join us!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

At Saint Jude, 10:00 am on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the Month. The next dates are Wednesday, May 22, and June 12th.

At Immaculate Conception, 5:30 PM each Monday evening, and on the first Wednesday of the month.



Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2024/2025 School Year

Please complete the registration form ASAP and return either by mail, to the parish office or drop in the collection basket during Mass. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards in both the Narthex and the Hall.

Please note - I am still in need of 2 teachers and a few substitutes!! Please consider volunteering!

Vacation Bible School - June 24-28 from 6-8:30pm

"AhoY Campers! Climb on Deck!!! Weigh Anchor for Ireland! On this voyage you will set sail with St. Patrick, the first Bishop missionary, and travel with him on his quest to spread Christianity to the dangerous and ungodly people of Ireland. They will discover the POWER of the Holy Spirit and welcome God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit into their hearts. Galley Snacks, Cabin Crafts, Gangplank Games, Merry Music, Faith Anchor Lessons, Bible Beacon Activities and much more!" "AHOY CAMPERS! Climb On Deck!!! Weigh Anchor for Ireland!"

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards in both the Narthex and the Hall. Adult and teen volunteers are needed - please contact Melissa King at cre@louisacatholics.org if you would like to lend a hand.

EPIC - Saturday, August 3rd from 11:00-7:00pm

All middle school students (6-8 graders during the 2024/2025 school year) are invited to attend a diocesan day of fun, fellowship, worship and service. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. Keynote sessions will highlight the lives of young saints and emphasize the universal call to holiness.

Adult volunteers are needed to drive youth to Richmond as well as chaperone during the event. Again, registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and the Hall.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Families are encouraged to take a look at the bulletin boards in the Narthex and the Hall for information on upcoming parish and diocesan events. Currently the following events are being promoted:

- **Discipleship Week - July 31st to August 3rd - For High School Teens**
A 3 day retreat to grow in personal faith and discipleship, 1 day of Leadership at EPIC (rally for Middle Schoolers)
Register by June 15th
- **Virginia Catholic Day at Busch Gardens - Saturday, October 5th - For all ages**
Includes Sunday Vigil Mass at 3:30pm at Abbey Stone Theater in the park
- **Fiat Days - December 6-8, 2024 at Roslyn Retreat Center**
Discernment Retreat for High School Girls
- **Young Adults Retreat - October 18-20, 2024 - Nags Head, NC**
For ages 18-39, Register by September 16th
- **Ridge Retreat for Recent College Graduates - August 2-3, 2024 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Richmond**
Register by July 21st

For information on any of these events, go to evangelizerichmond.org.

To register, please contact Melissa King at cre@louisacatholics.org

Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well!

When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, e-Giving lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. You can sign up online:

faith.direct/VA1052 (Immaculate Conception) OR

faith.direct/VA1007 (Saint Jude)

OR call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.



Our Parish Upcoming Special Events

Tuesday, May 21

- Fr. Cal returns.

Tuesday, May 21

- 2:00 Deanery Clergy Mtg, Sts Peter/Paul, Palmyra
- 6:30 PM, Pack 183 Meeting, Saint Jude.

Friday, May 24

- 2:00 PM, Office closes for Memorial Day Weekend, to reopen Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Saint Jude.

Thursday, May 30

- 7:00 PM, Saint Jude Pastoral Council Mtg, Saint Jude Parish Hall.

Friday, May 31

- 1:00 PM, Social Ministry Mtg, Saint Jude.

Wednesday, June 5

- 6:15 PM, Knights Monthly Meeting, Saint Jude.

Thursday, June 6

- 7:00 PM, Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council Mtg, Buckner Parish Hall.

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| Cemetery Director | SJ Dn Tom Fursman IC Steve Falkenthal |
| Finance Council | SJ Martin Ried IC David Failacci |
| Pastoral Council | SJ Scott Jensen IC Wayne Gordon |
| Community Life | SJ Rosemarie Ayers IC Karen Donnelly |
| Worship | SJ Ron Brassard IC Amy Schnetzler, Kathy Fleser |
| Social Ministry | SJ & IC Becky Chidester |
| Music Coordinator | SJ Lauren Cunningham Headley IC Position Available |

We will welcome Fr. Cal back early this week.

Thanks again to our visiting Priests:

- Rev. Eloy Romero-Rojas, Cross Catholic Outreach
- Fr. Michael Duffy, Retired, Richmond Diocese
- Msgr. Francis Muench, Retired, Richmond Diocese
- Msgr. Thomas Miller, Retired, Richmond Diocese

Reminders:

Please submit all bulletin items to Peggy Heeke at office@louisacatholics.org, by close of business each **Tuesday**.

AND

All announcements to be made at Mass should be sent to that same email address, by close of business each **Wednesday**.

Thank you for sending announcements and news to the office timely.



Change of Address

Updates needed: The mailing addresses for Saint Jude and Immaculate Conception have changed. We have closed Post Office Box 128 in Bumpass for Immaculate Conception and Post Office Box 40 in Mineral for Saint Jude. Now all mail for both churches comes by carrier to 1937 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia 23117.



The Knight's would like to congratulate Andy Droppelman and Deacon Tom and Jackie Fursman as Knight and family of the Month of May respectively.



This Memorial Day weekend the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Kovar collection immediately following Mass. Knights will be stationed outside of the doors

after each Mass and will have tootsie rolls and collection jugs. Please consider a donation to a program that has raised over \$15M since its inception in 1971 for Virginia citizens with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.